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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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URBAN TRANSPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give a new shape to the Urban Transport Policy in the country;

(b) if so, whether a workshop on Urban Transport policy was held at New Delhi recently;

(c) if so, the details of the points discussed therein;

(d) the outcome thereof and the details of recommendations made therein; and

(e) the concrete steps formulated by the Government to improve the transport facilities in the urban areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHAS TARREDQUESTION NO.234 FOR 30.7.2002 REGARDING URBA TRANSPORT POLICY.

(a)&(b): Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation hadorganized a Workshop on National Urban Transport Policyon 4th & 5th June, 2002, with a view to formulating a National Urban Transport Policy.

(c): During the four technical sessions conducted in the Workshop, the following points were discussed in detail:-

(i) Issues in Urban Transport Policy;

(ii) Resource Generation (Financing) for Urban Transport;

(iii) Issues in Mass (Public) Transport and Urban Road Transport;

(iv) Institutional Issues in Urban Transport.

(d): The recommendations made in the Workshop include:-

- giving explicit priority to mass transport over personalized transport;

- implementation of Transport Systems Management measures;

- the integration of land use and transport planning;

- setting up a designated agency for planning and coordination of Urban Transport issues;

- setting up of Special Purpose Vehicles for funding larger UrbanTransport projects and tapping other sources such as user charges, share of fuel taxes, parking revenue etc. for generating resources;

- preparation of a comprehensive legislation for Urban Transport.

(e): Based on the recommendations of the Workshop, it is proposed to initiate consultations with the State Governments as Transport is a State subject.